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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum #3-2, Car Wash Policy

1. References:

- a. AE Regulation 200-1, Army in Europe Environmental Quality Program, 26 October 2007.
- b. US Army Garrison Schweinfurt Policy Memorandum # 3-8, Environmental Management System (EMS).
- c. Federal Law on the Avoidance and Elimination of Wastes, 01 May 2002.
- d. Federal Regulations Covering the Protection of Drinking Water Supply (Trinkwasserschutzverordnung) 21 May 2001.
- e. Federal Water Act, 25 June 2005.

2. Purpose: To provide a policy for privately owned vehicle (POV) car washing within the United States Army Garrison (USAG) Schweinfurt.

3. Scope: This policy applies to all POVs located within the US Army Garrison Schweinfurt geographical area.

4. General:

a. German law regulates vehicle washing within the Schweinfurt Garrison. We will comply with these laws and help local efforts to protect the environment. German police enforce this law and ticket violators.

b. Unless properly performed in an appropriate location, washing of POVs pollutes the environment by releasing car grease and oil combined with detergents into the public sewer system. Procedures for proper car washing, in compliance with German law, are as follows:

(1) Do not wash or rinse POVs with water on public areas, it is strictly prohibited. Public areas include city, state, or federal owned roads, parking areas, or grounds (e.g. parks).

(2) Personnel may wash POVs on private areas, if limited to car body washing with plain water on a paved area connected to the sewer system. Private areas include housing area parking lots, installations, and driveways (if you reside on the economy). Do not use detergents/soaps. Do not wash the undercarriage or the engine.

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(3) Personnel may wash POVs at selected U.S. installation washracks connected to a petroleum-oil-lubricant (POL) separator. Use only special, PH neutral soaps and cleaners (e.g. dishwashing liquid, store-bought car wash cleaners) for POV washing at these locations. Specifically prohibited for use are chlorinated and petroleum-based solvents such as gasoline, trichloroethylene, methanol, etc. Wash the undercarriage and engine only when preparing the vehicle for stateside shipment. Military vehicles have priority use when washing at installation washracks. Do not use any soaps for military vehicle washing. Authorized installation POV washracks are:

- Conn Barracks, recycling wash rack, Bldg #1181.
- Conn Barracks, Auto Skill Center, Bldg #49.

(4) Public car washes sponsored by community groups must also use the above approved wash rack facilities. The Garrison Commander is the approval authority.

(5) Do not conduct any type of vehicle maintenance (e.g. oil change, brake job, etc.) at any of these locations. Use the Auto Skills Center located at Conn Barracks, Bldg #49 for all maintenance.

(6) Car wash facilities are also available on the economy. These facilities comply with German law.

c. Building Coordinators are responsible for enforcing this policy within housing areas.

5. The proponent for this policy memorandum is the US Army Garrison Schweinfurt Environmental Division, at DSN 354-6795 or CIV 09721-966795.



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